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July 29, 2016

#### **VIA ECFS**

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 00-257 - Section 64.1120(e) Notification Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association

Dear Ms. Dortch:

JSI hereby provides notice on behalf of Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association pursuant to Section 64.1120(e) of the Commission's rules of the pending transfer of the interexchange subscriber base of Crystal Communications, Inc. in the Bancroft and Lakota exchanges in the state of Iowa to Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association. In accordance with the requirements of Section 64.1120(e), JSI submits the following information on behalf of Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association.

1. Names of parties to transaction:

Transferring Carrier: Crystal Communications, Inc. ("Crystal")

Acquiring Carrier: Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association

("Winnebago")

2. Types of telecommunications services to be affected:

Interstate, international and intrastate interexchange services (switchless resale)

3. <u>Expected date of transfer</u>:

September 1, 2016

4. Certificate of compliance:

Attached hereto as Exhibit A is Winnebago's certification of compliance with the requirement to provide advance subscriber notice in accordance with §64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with

other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process.

## 5. <u>Copy of notice sent to affected subscribers:</u>

Attached hereto as Exhibit B is the notice sent by Winnebago to affected customers.

Please direct any questions or inquiries regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association

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#### CERTIFICATION

Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association certifies that it has complied with all requirements of 47 C.F.R. 64.1120(e) including providing the advance subscriber notice in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to the streamlined process for acquisition of the subscriber base of another telecommunications carrier.

By

Mark Thoma

General Manager

Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association

Date: July 29, 2016



# Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association

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## EXHIBIT B

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#### **Dear Valued Customer:**

This is an important notice required by the Iowa Utilities Board ("IUB") and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") concerning your local and long distance telecommunications services.

As you have previously been notified, Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association ("Winnebago") has agreed to acquire the Consolidated Communications of Iowa ("Consolidated Communications") exchange serving the Bancroft and Lakota communities. Pending final regulatory approval, we anticipate this acquisition will close on September 1, 2016 (the "Closing Date").

The acquisition will result in a change of your local and long distance carrier. Following the acquisition, Winnebago will assume direct responsibility for the provisioning of local telecommunications services previously provided to you by Consolidated Communications and long distance services previously provided to you by Crystal Communications, Inc. ("Crystal Communications"). **This change will not affect your services or rates. Your telephone number will not change.** Going forward, Winnebago will notify you in writing at least 30 days in advance of any future changes to your local or long distance services or rates.

Prior to and following the Closing Date, Consolidated and Winnebago will work cooperatively to ensure a seamless transition for customers. Prior to the Closing Date, Consolidated Communications and/or Crystal Communications will be responsible for handling any inquiries, complaints or changes to your service. Following the Closing Date, Winnebago will be responsible for handling any inquiries, complaints or changes to your service. If you have complaints or concerns that we are unable to address, you may contact the IUB Customer Service Section, including by calling toll-free at (877) 565-4450 or via email at <a href="mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov">customer@iub.iowa.gov</a>.

You may choose another carrier for your local and long distance services; however, unless you elect to change your local or long distance carrier, **no action is required by you. You will continue to receive the same, excellent services without interruption.** You will not be charged any carrier-change fees as a result of any changes made prior to the Closing Date.

If you have a freeze on your preferred long distance carrier, that freeze will be automatically lifted in order to complete this change. If you would like to re-apply this freeze, please contact our Customer Service at the numbers provided below to re-apply the freeze. Please note that any "freeze" you have placed on your existing telephone lines to prevent unauthorized transfer to another long distance carrier will be over-ridden for purposes of this acquisition, and will need to be reinstated by you after the transition is complete.

As indicated above, **your existing rates and service plans will remain the same**. Following conversion of our billing system, your monthly invoice will be generated on the 1st day of the month with a due date at the 20th day of the month. If this results in any change to your current billing cycle, no payments will be deemed late until you have had notice of the new billing cycle for at least 30 days or one full billing cycle, whichever is longer.

Providing excellent and uninterrupted service to our valued customers is our top priority. The Winnebago Customer Service number is 641-592-6105 or toll-free at 800-592-6105. Please use this number for any questions or concerns you may have concerning this transfer.

Thank you for your business.

Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association